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FOR GENE THERAPY**

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the specification as follows:

Delete the first full paragraph of page 6, starting at line 6, and insert the following therefor:

Under these circumstances, an object of the present invention is to establish a process whereby a retrovirus vector for specifically transferring foreign genes including those affecting cells into target cells over a broad range and expressing the genes therein can be stably produced at a high titer by strictly regulating, compared with the conventional processes, cytotoxic virus structural proteins and vector DNA with a cytotoxic or cell-affecting protein; to establish a process for elevating the recovery yield of a retrovirus vector by inhibiting the reinfection of producing cells with a pseudotyped

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